Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority to PCT Appln. No. PCT/EP2004/005153 filed May 13, 2004, and to German application 103 23 203.6 filed May 22, 2003.

At page 1, line 3, please add the following heading and subheading as shown below:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, line 8, please add the following subheading as shown below:

2. Description of the Related Art

At page 1, line 9, please amend the following subheading as shown below:

Release papers having ~~delesive~~ abhesive properties with respect to adhesives are produced by furnishing the paper backings with a silicone layer. The silicone layer is improved, particularly with the aim of preventing penetration into the backing material during coating, by providing the backing paper with a primer prior to application of the silicone layer.

At page 2, line 6, please add the following heading as shown below:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At page 2, line 24, please the following heading as shown below:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

At page 2, line 25, please amend the following paragraph as shown below:

Suitable silane-containing polyvinyl alcohols are fully or partly hydrolyzed vinyl ester polymers having a degree of hydrolysis of 75 to 100 mol%. The fully hydrolyzed vinyl ester polymers have a degree of hydrolysis of preferably 97.5 to 100 mol%, more preferably 98 to 99.5 mol%. The partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl esters have a degree of hydrolysis of preferably 80 to 95 mol%, more preferably 86 to 90 mol%. The Höppler viscosity (in accordance with DIN 53015 as a 4% by weight aqueous solution) serves as a measure of the molecular weight and of the degree of polymerization of the partly or fully hydrolyzed, silanized vinyl ester polymers, and is preferably from 2 to 50 mPas.

At page 7, line 36, please amend the following paragraph as shown below:

The processes and formulas for the release coating of release papers and release films are known to the skilled worker. Suitable backings are papers, especially base papers, and also films such as polyethylene films, PET films, nonwovens, wovens, and base crepe release stock. After the backing material has been primed the silicone coat is applied using the stated application methods. Suitable silicone polymers having ~~dehesive~~ abhesive properties are known to the skilled worker, and encompass, for example, catenary dimethylpolysiloxanes having terminal hydroxyl groups, which on exposure to elevated temperature and in the presence of organotin salt catalysts are condensed with silicic esters, or are obtained by the addition crosslinking route, by reacting catenary polymers having vinyl end groups with hydropolysiloxanes with exposure to temperature in the presence of platinum catalysts. The formulas for the silicone coat may where appropriate also comprise further additives, examples being film-forming assistants such as polyvinyl alcohol, carboxymethylcelluloses, or plasticizers such as ethylene glycol and glycerol.

At page 8, line 22, please amend the following paragraph as shown below:

Example 1:

A thermostatted laboratory apparatus with a capacity of 2.5 liters was charged under nitrogen with 612 g of water, 61.2 mg of copper(II) acetate and 61.2 g of a 5% strength solution of polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP-K90) in water. With stirring, a solution of 620 mg of t-butyl per-2-ethylhexanoate (TBPEH, 99% in water), 322 mg of t-butyl perneodecanoate (Pergan PND, 95% in water), 4.9 g of vinyltriethoxysilane, 48.9 g of isopropenyl acetate and 42.8 g of isopropanol in 612 g of vinyl acetate was run in. The reactor was heated to 51.5°C, and after the reaction had subsided heating was carried out in stages to 75°C. The system was held at this temperature for a further 2 hours and then cooled. The resulting beads of polymer were filtered off with suction, washed thoroughly with water and dried.